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09/806,812

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Title:

THERMOFORMABLE MULTI-LAYER POLYPROPYLENE FOAM

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Sir:

As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

- Our respective residence and post office address and citizenship are given below. 1)
- We believe that we are the first, original, and joint inventors of the subject matter 2) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which was filed in the U.S. on April 3, 2001, with application number 09/806,812.
- We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified 3) specification, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).
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